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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Vascular stent

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[] is attached hereto

[X] was filed on October 03, 2005

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) Priority Claimed

			Priority Claimed	
<u>PCT/IB2003/001958</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>22 May 2003</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X]	<input type="checkbox"/> []
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
 <u>PCT/IB03/01232</u>	 <u>PCT</u>	 <u>April 04, 2003</u>	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X]	 <input type="checkbox"/> []
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

English Language Declaration

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and I hereby authorize them to amend this document to insert the filing date and application serial number when they become known: **Hogan & Hartson L.L.P.** (Customer Number: 24633)

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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

Date October 07, 2005, Name of Inventor GAZZA Gianluca
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